

**Penn State University Libraries
Round Robin Report for Big Heads
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University Reorganization

The University unveiled a reorganization plan in March that went into effect July 1, 2005. The reorganization involves a change in reporting lines and budgetary oversight for campus locations. Currently Penn State has 23 campuses with the largest campus being located at University Park. The primary impact for the Libraries has been that all operating and collection budgets moved under the Dean of Libraries on July 1. Formerly, support staff and some collection budgets were administered by the campuses. The reorganization included changing the reporting line for the Sheehy-Lee Law Library at the Dickinson School of Law Library and the George T. Harrell Library at Hershey Medical Center from the respective deans of each school to the Dean of Libraries. Three transition teams have been established to consider public and technical services, collections, and resource sharing implications of this reorganization. Recommendations are due to the Dean this spring.

Dickinson Law School

Dickinson Law located in Carlisle, PA, and not part of Dickinson College, will be opening a second law school at the University Park campus in August 2006. Curriculum and building plans are currently being developed. There will be one law library with both Carlisle and University Park locations. We are migrating the Dickinson Law Library Catalog into the PSU Libraries catalog.

Dean's Office Reorganization

The Dean's Office was reorganized as of July 1st. Each of the two Assistant Dean positions now report to the Dean rather than the Associate Dean for University Park. Both Assistant Dean positions were redefined to best fit the needs of the Libraries. Bonnie MacEwan, long time Asst. Dean of Collections and Scholarly Communications became Dean of Libraries at Auburn at the end of August. I started September 1st, 2005 as the Assistant Dean for Technical and Collection Services. The search for a new Assistant Dean for Scholarly Communications position began this month. It is hoped that this position will be filled during this spring. I have brochures describing this position that I will bring to our meeting.

Search for Serials Cataloging Librarian

A new serials cataloger, Christopher Walker, was hired in August.

Electronic resource management

The SFX implementation is almost complete. Kudos go to Bob Alan and the entire SFX implementation team. They are now working to bring the Hershey Medical Library into the SFX environment with this summer as a target implementation date. Metalib came up in test mode last week with plans to come up fully later this spring.

Other news

Sue Hamburger received a second \$15,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to bring intermediate level Society of American Archival continuing education workshops to Penn State. The first workshop, "Oral History: From Planning to Preservation," will held on March 27, 2006. The second, "Archival Perspectives on Digital Preservation," will be held on April 27-28, 2006. The final workshop in this series, "Understanding Photographs: Introduction to Archival Principles and Practices," will be held on May 18-19, 2006.